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WASHINGTON, June 14, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 9 totaled 353,316, up 1.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 and 10.5 percent above the preceding holiday week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 2.3 percent in the West and 1.1 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 5,064 cars (3.9 percent). Chemical loadings were up 1,970 cars (7.6 percent), and loadings of crushed stone, sand and gravel rose by 1,096 cars (6.4 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 23 weeks of 1990 totaled 7,812,827, up 0.2 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 119,527 trailers and/or containers for the week ended June 9, up 6.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of 1990 was 2,671,062 trailers and/or containers, 3.4 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended June 9 totaled 20.7 billion, up 4.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 23 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 454.6 billion ton-miles, up 1.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 9, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 9, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,590	27,226	1.3 %	22,161	24.5 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,105	2,078	1.3	1,916	9.9
Metallic Ores	19,369	21,700	-10.7	20,120	-3.7
Coal	135,140	130,076	3.9	121,423	11.3
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	18,168	17,072	6.4	15,551	16.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,820	10,569	-7.1	10,050	-2.3
Grain Mill Products	9,894	10,144	-2.5	9,456	4.6
Food & Kindred Products	8,524	8,690	-1.9	7,625	11.8
Primary Forest Products	10,041	10,371	-3.2	8,650	16.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,330	7,044	-10.1	6,127	3.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,602	10,493	1.0	10,952	-3.2
Chemicals	27,894	25,924	7.6	25,552	9.2
Petroleum Products	5,111	5,103	.2	4,480	14.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,566	10,869	-2.8	8,830	19.7
Coke	5,968	5,271	13.2	5,391	10.7
Metals & Products	9,618	9,323	3.2	10,653	-9.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	20,750	20,168	2.9	17,166	20.9
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,021	8,891	1.5	7,695	17.2
All Other Carloads	6,805	6,582	3.4	6,030	12.9
Total	**353,316**	**347,594**	**1.6 %**	**319,828**	**10.5 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 9, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 23 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 9, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**353,316**	**347,594**	**1.6 %**	**7,812,827**	**7,793,812**	**.2 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	66,359	66,224	.2	1,504,376	1,510,697	-.4
Containers	53,168	46,277	14.9	1,166,686	1,072,998	8.7
Total	**119,527**	**112,501**	**6.2**	**2,671,062**	**2,583,695**	**3.4**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.7**	**19.8**	**4.5 %**	**454.6**	**447.6**	**1.6 %**

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 23, 1990 - LSI, PAL, PLE & UP.